

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition ~~combining~~ comprising:

at least one active ingredient in solubilized form, wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of Vitamin D and derivatives of Vitamin D, and is solubilized using at least one solvent, the solvent being from 1% to 50% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition;

and a silicone agent comprising at least one organopolysiloxane elastomer and elastomer;

a thickening agent different from the silicone agent, agent, the thickening agent being a hydrocarbon-based wax chosen from glyceryl behenate and glyceryl dipalmitostearate, and mixtures thereof; and

at least one agent for promoting the penetration of the active ingredient into the skin,

wherein

said active ingredient being in a solubilized form in said composition, said silicone agent comprising the at least one organopolysiloxane elastomer being is prepared by crosslinking a crosslinking reaction between:

polysiloxanes (A) containing Si-H groups represented by the compounds of formula $R^{14}_3SiO(R^{15}_2SiO)_a(R^{16}HSiO)_bSiR^{14}_3$ here denoted as type A¹, and compounds of formula $HR^{14}_2SiO(R^{15}_2SiO)_cSiR^{14}_2H$ or of formula $HR^{14}_2SiO(R^{15}_2SiO)_a(R^{16}HSiO)_bSiR^{14}_2H$ here denoted as type A², in these formulae, R¹⁴, R¹⁵

and R^{16} are alkyl groups having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a is an integer ranging from 0 to 250, b is an integer ranging from 1 to 250, and c is an integer ranging from 0 to 250, the molar ratio of the compounds A^2 : A^1 being from 0 to 20,

an alpha, omega-diene (B) which is a compound of formula $CH_2=CH(CH_2)_dCH=CH_2$ in which d is an integer ranging from 1 to 20, in the presence of a catalyst, and

a low molecular weight cyclic polysiloxane (C), being a volatile methylsiloxane selected from the group consisting of hexamethylcyclotrisiloxane, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, hexamethyldisiloxane, octamethyltrisiloxane, decamethyltrisiloxane, dodecamethylpentasiloxane, tetradecamethylhexasiloxane and hexadecamethylheptasiloxane, hexadecamethylheptasiloxane.

~~said thickening agent being a hydrocarbon-based wax of animal, plant, mineral or synthetic origin, or a mixture thereof,~~

~~said composition also comprising at least one agent for promoting the penetration of the active ingredient into the skin.~~

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein it is intended for topical application.

36. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein it is in the form of a gel.

37. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein it has a water content of less than or equal to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

38-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein said active ingredient is present at a content of from 0.0001 to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

42. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 38~~ claim 33, wherein said solvent agent is ~~chosen from alcohols~~ is an alcohol-type solvent.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein the content of elastomer is from 1% to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

45. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein the elastomer is formulated in at least one volatile silicone oil.

46. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 45, wherein said volatile silicone oil is chosen from linear or cyclic polyorganosiloxane oils having from 2 to 10 silicon atoms.

47. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein the content of the silicone agent is from 20% to 80% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

48-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 39~~ claim 42, wherein said ~~hydrocarbon-based compound~~ hydrocarbon-based wax is present at a content ranging from 2% to 80% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

53. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 39~~ 42, wherein said composition has occlusive properties.

54. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 33, ~~wherein it also comprises~~ further comprising at least one agent for diluting the silicone agent.

55. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 54, wherein said diluting agent is chosen from linear or cyclic volatile silicone oils.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed ~~in claim 33~~ in claim 33, wherein said agent for promoting the penetration of the active ingredient into the skin is selected from the group consisting of glycols, glycol ethers, fatty acids, fatty acid esters, glycol esters, glycerides, azones, polysorbates, alkanols, dimethyl sulfoxide, and mixtures thereof.

58. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed ~~in claim 33~~ in claim 33, wherein said agent for promoting the penetration of the active ingredient into the skin is present at a content ranging from 2% to 30% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

59. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 33, ~~wherein it also comprises~~ further comprising at least one pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

60. (Currently Amended) A method for the preparation of an anhydrous the anhydrous pharmaceutical composition according to claim 33, ~~comprising~~ comprising:

combining an active ingredient and at least one active ingredient in solubilized form, the active ingredient being selected from the group consisting of Vitamin D and derivatives of Vitamin D, and being solubilized using at least one solvent, said solvent being from 1% to 50% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition;

a silicone agent comprising at least one organopolysiloxane elastomer, elastomer;

a thickening agent different from said silicone agent, said thickening agent being a hydrocarbon-based wax of animal, plant, mineral or synthetic origin, or a mixture chosen from glyceryl behenate and glyceryl dipalmitostearate, and mixtures thereof, and

at least one agent for promoting the penetration of the active ingredient into the skin.

61. (Canceled)

62. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 60 wherein the content of the elastomer is from 1% to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of psoriasis, comprising administering to a subject requiring treatment of psoriasis a ~~composition~~ the composition as claimed in claim 33.

65. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein it has a water content of less than or equal to 3% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

66. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein it has a water content equal to zero.

67. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 39, wherein the hydrocarbon-based ~~compound~~ wax is of pasty or solid type.

68. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein said active ingredient is present at a content of from 0.01 to 15% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

69. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein said active ingredient is present at a content of from 0.025 to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

70. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 38~~ claim 33, wherein said solvent ~~agent~~ is ethanol.

71. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 38~~ claim 33,

wherein the content of said solvent ~~agent~~ is from 2% to 40% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

72. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 38~~ claim 33, wherein the content of said solvent ~~agent~~ is from 5% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

73. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein the content of the elastomer is from 4% to 12% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

74. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 33, wherein the content of the silicone agent is from 30% to 70% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

75. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 39~~ claim 33, wherein said hydrocarbon-based ~~compound~~ wax is present at a content ranging from 4% to 30% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

76. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 33; wherein said agent for promoting the penetration of the active ingredient into the skin is present at a content ranging from 4% to 25% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

77. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 60, wherein the content of the elastomer is from 4% to 12% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

78. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said hydrocarbon-based wax is a polyunsaturated fatty acid having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms.